

# *Substance Abuse Situation and Prevention*

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# Health Behaviors

- Health Behaviors impact all Marines
- Health Behaviors include: Suicide, Substance Abuse, and other behavior/life style choices
- USMC has prevention initiatives designed to lower the negative effects of these behaviors
  - Primarily at Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS)



# Substance Abuse

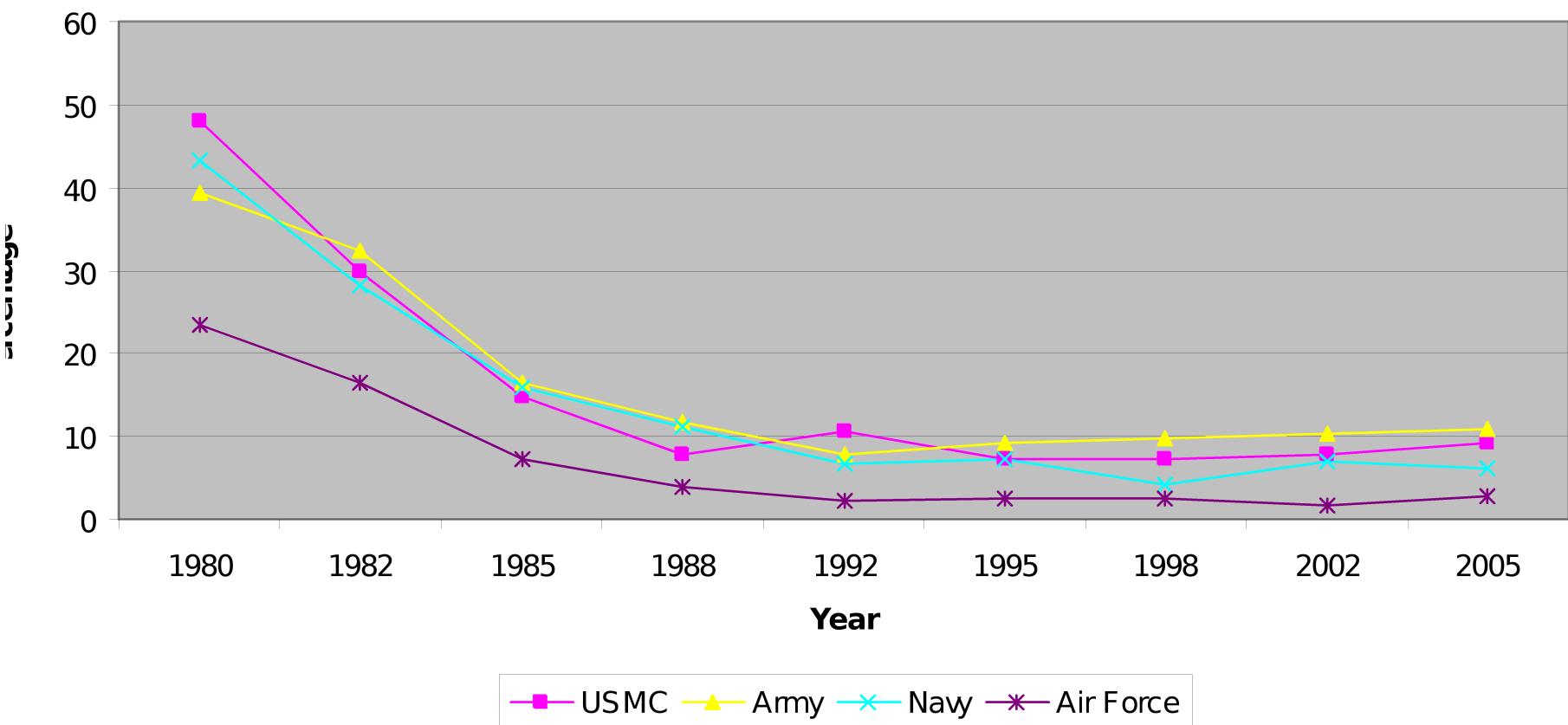
## Illicit Drugs

- Still relevant
- 7.9% of Marines in the 2002 DoD Health Behaviors survey reported illicit drug use in past year
- Over 9% in the most recent 2005 DoD survey



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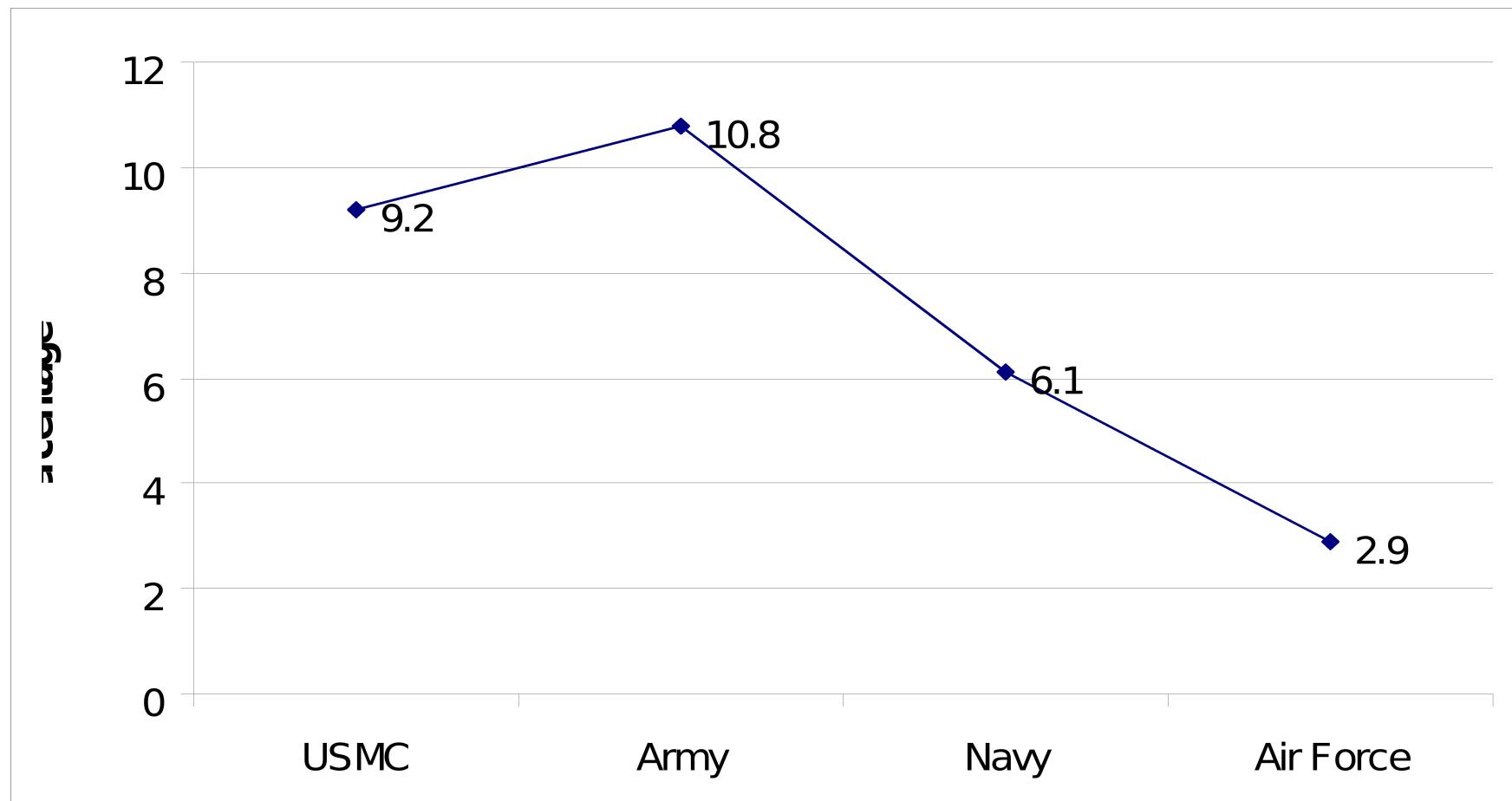
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2005 DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors Self Reported Illicit Drug use





# Substance Abuse

## Urinalysis

- Marine Corps conducts more urinalysis than all of the other services (by population)
- Stimulant positives are increasing rapidly and are a significant threat to the Marine Corps



# Substance Abuse

## Illicit Drugs

- Still relevant
- USMC FY06 Urinalysis statistics
  - Total Samples: 599,436 samples
  - Marijuana (THC)= 1,985 positive samples
  - Cocaine= 990 positive samples
  - Amp/Methamp= 762 positive samples
  - MDMA (Ecstasy)= 151 positive samples



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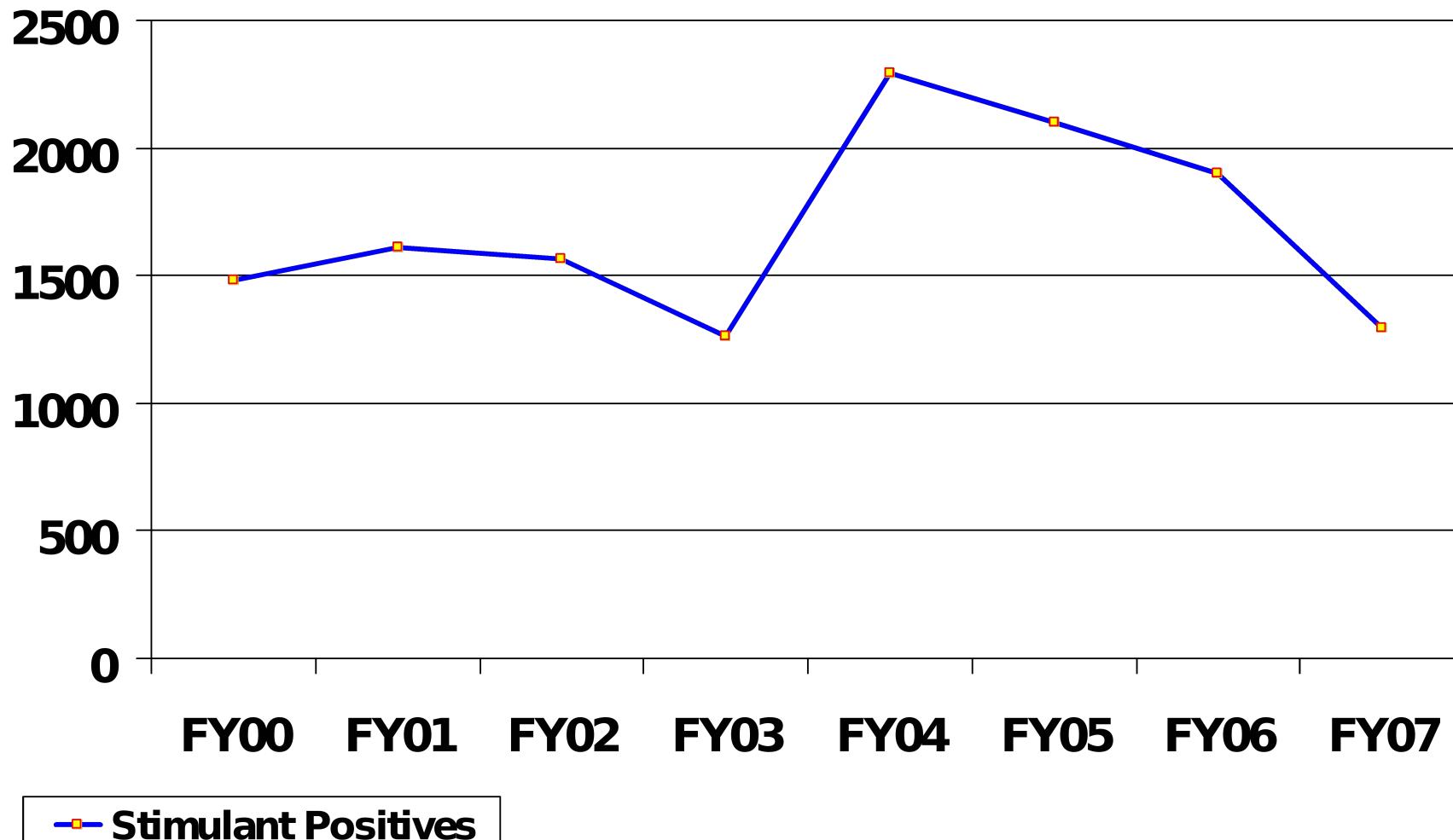
## Illicit Drugs

USMC FY07 Urinalysis statistics indicate:

- Total Urinalysis samples: 387,550 samples
- Marijuana (THC)= 1298 positive samples
- Cocaine= 686 positive samples
- Amp/Methamp= 608 positive samples  
(DSAMP)



# Increase of Stimulants





# Substance Abuse

## Alcohol

- Alcohol events within the Marine Corps are increasing
- Alcohol is severely impacting our young Marines
- Data from the *DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel* reports the Marine Corps has the highest heavy alcohol usage when compared to the other services



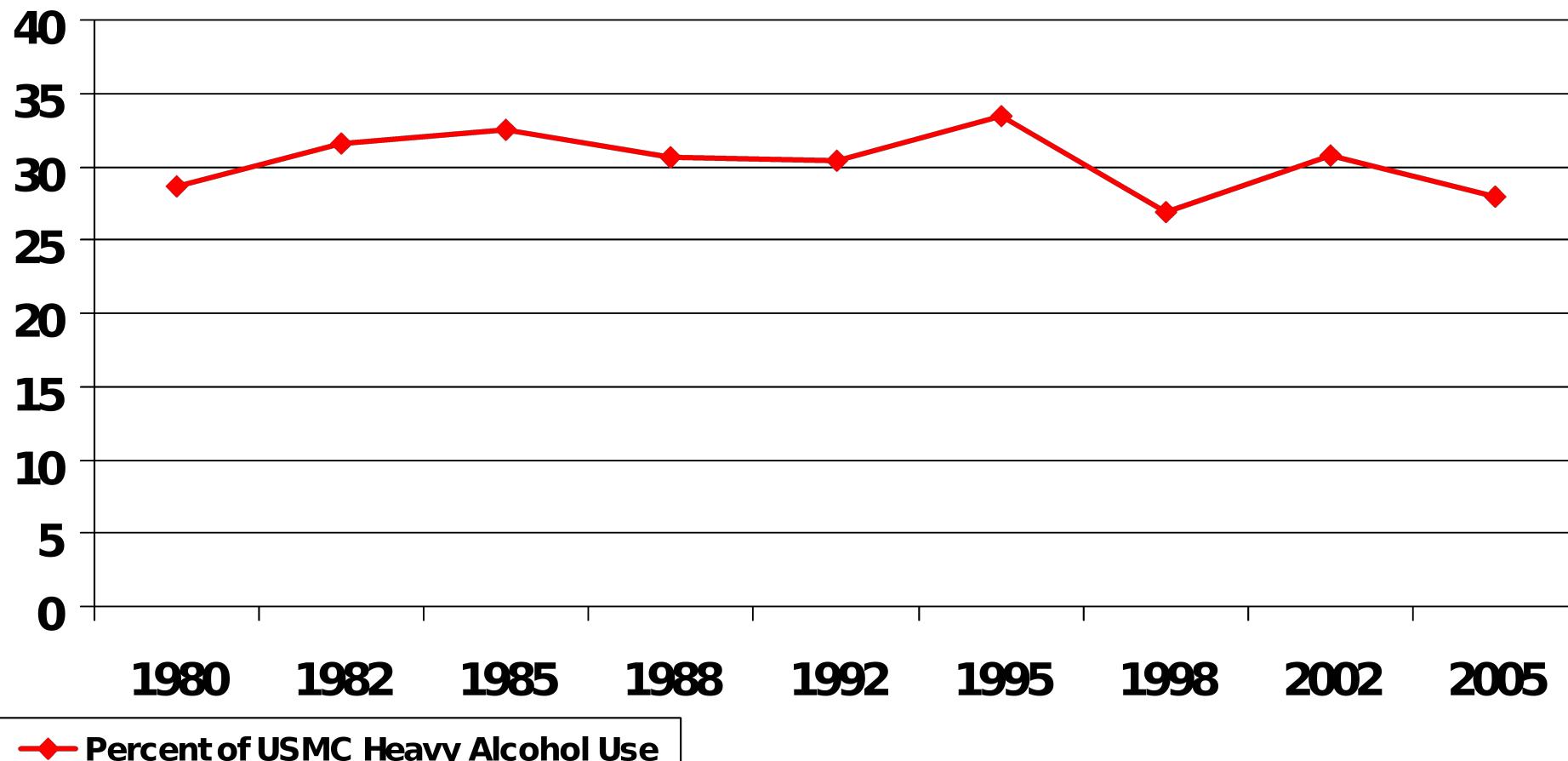
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## Alcohol

- USMC Heavy Alcohol Use 28%
- Productivity Loss 19.8%
- Serious Consequences 14.5%



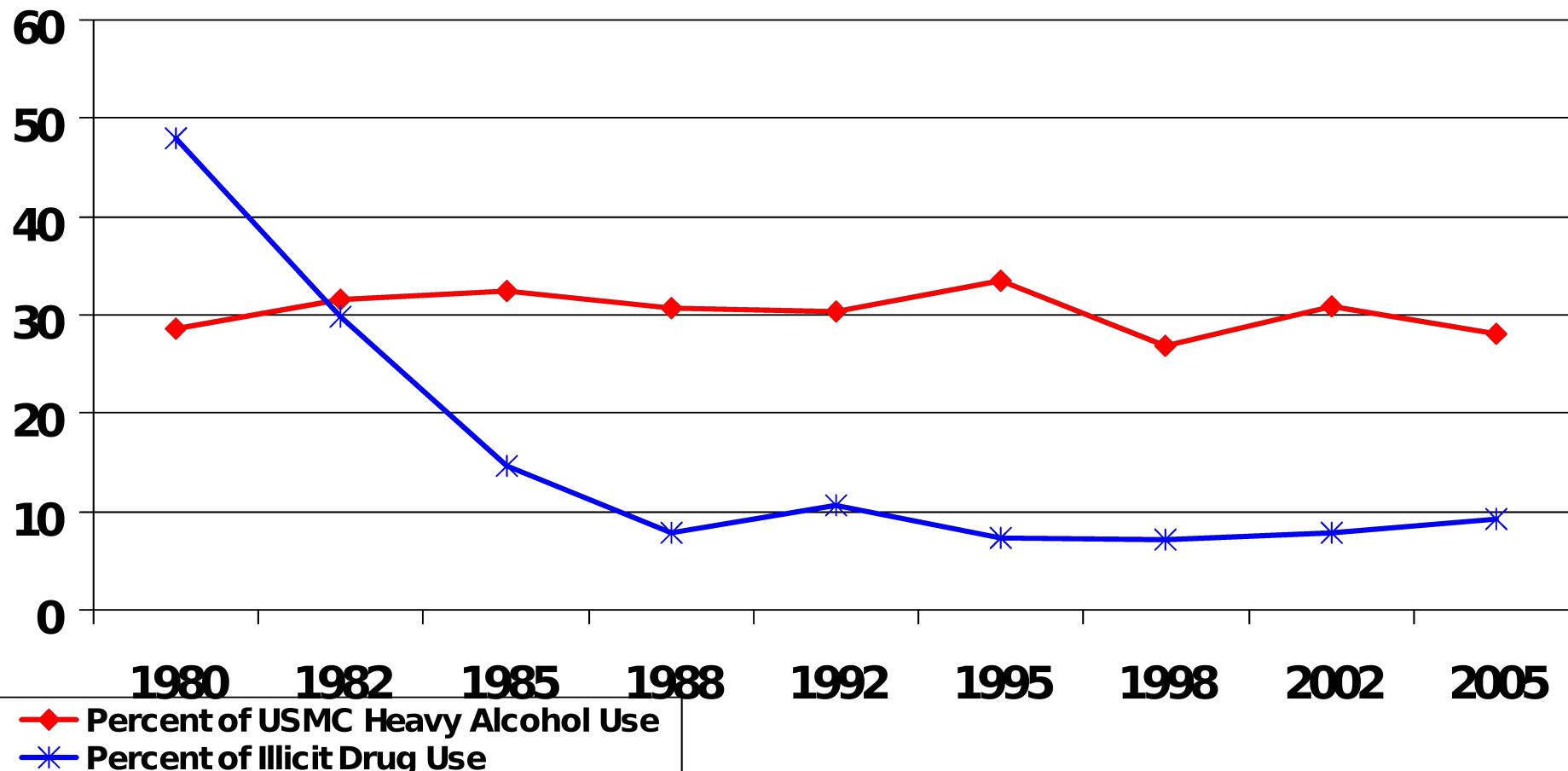
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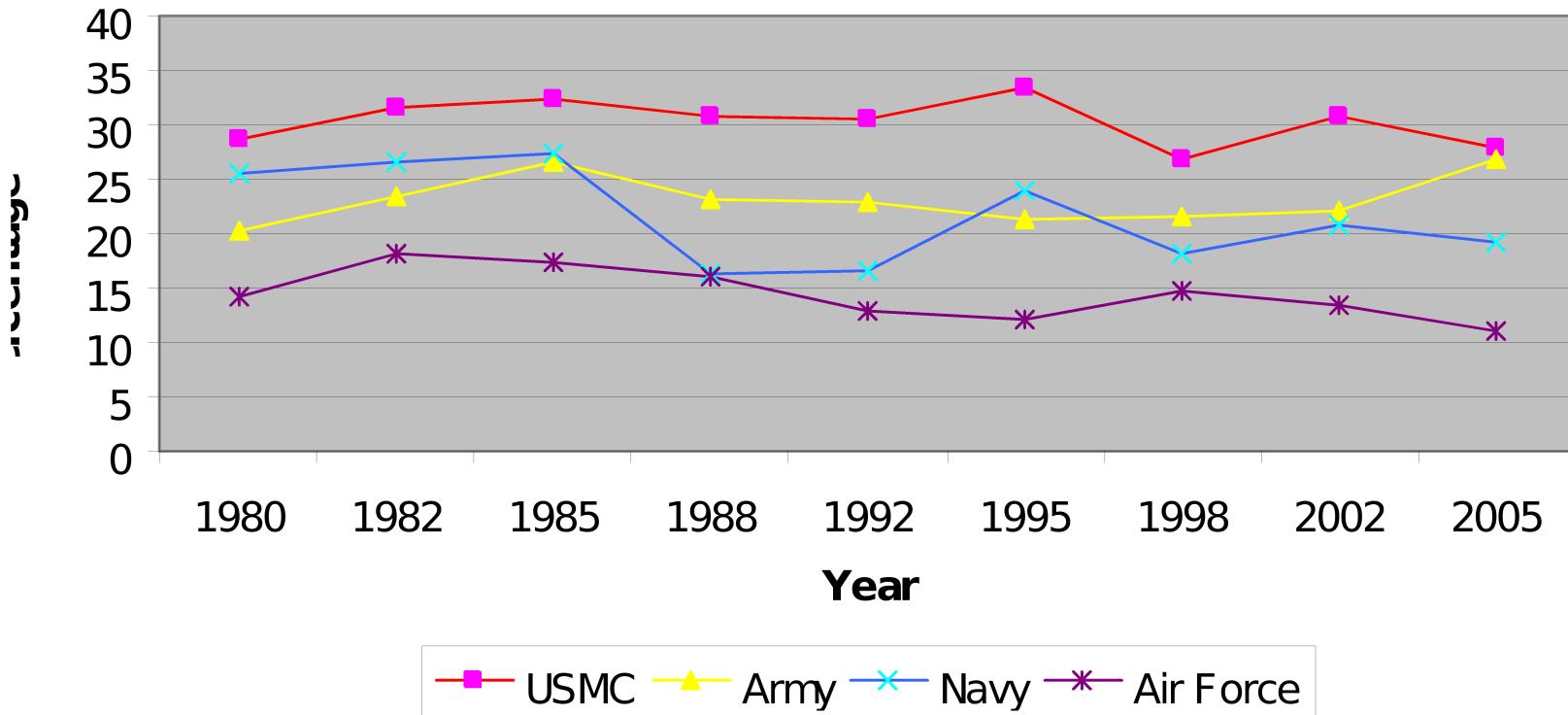


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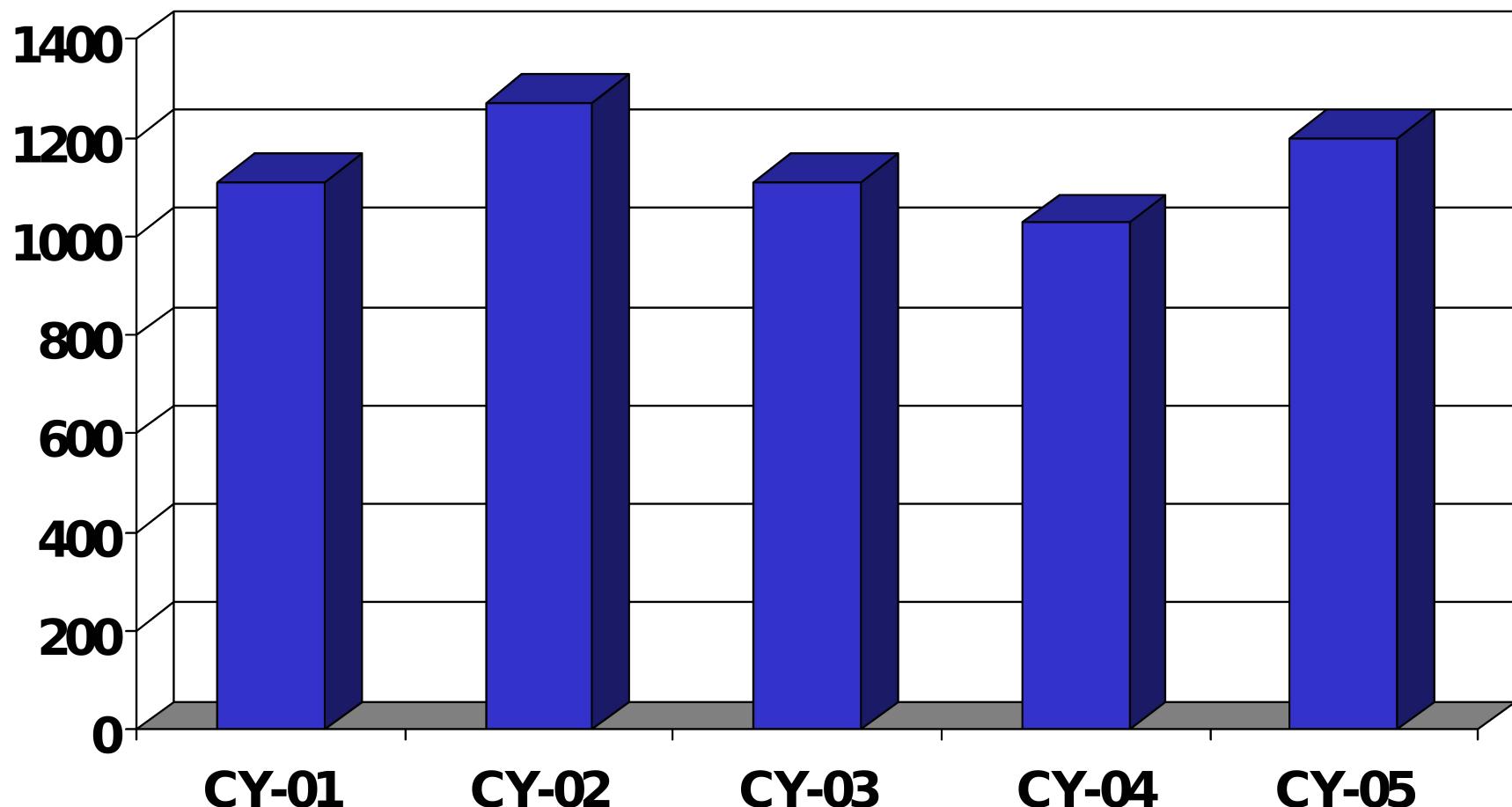
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## DoD Heavy Alcohol Use





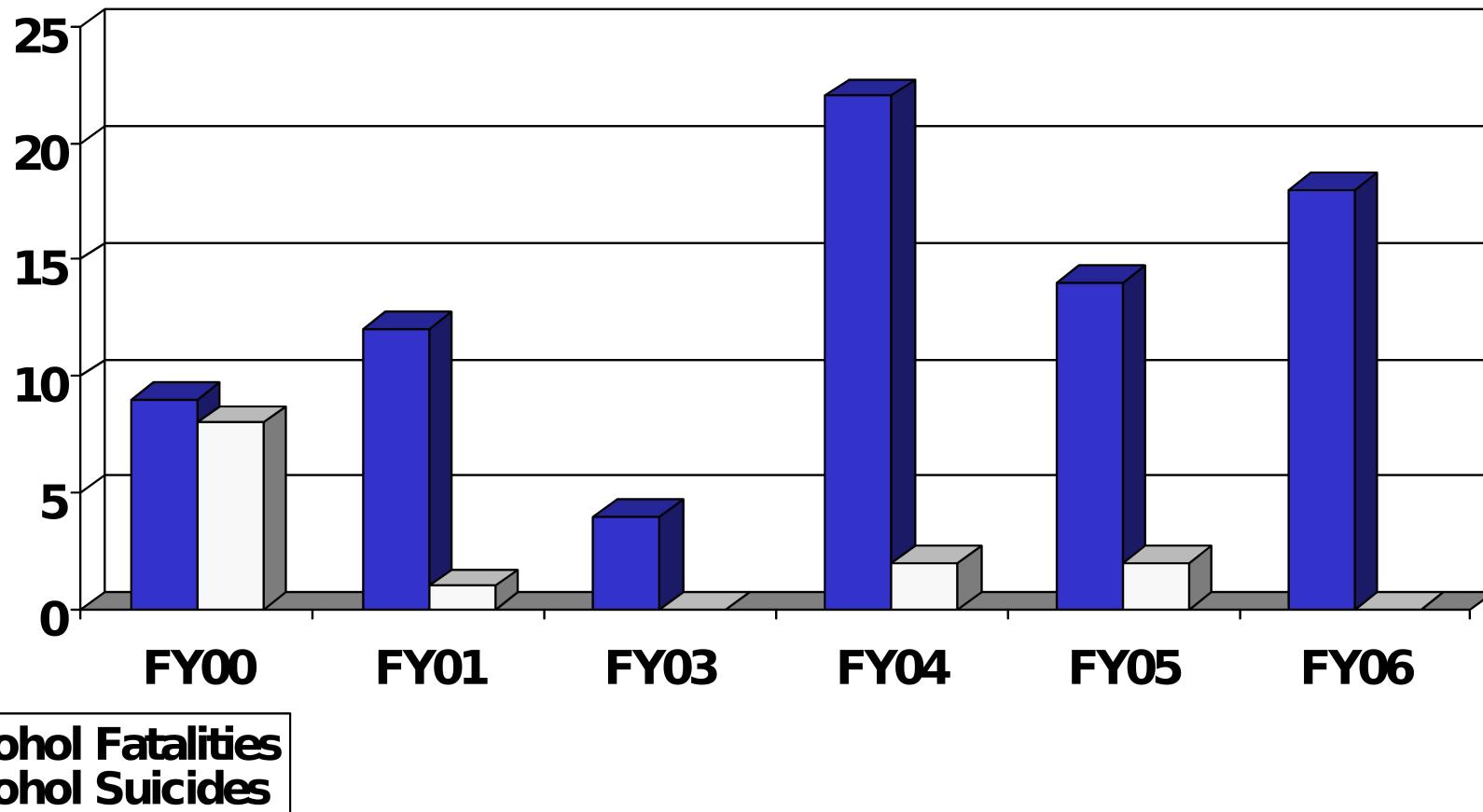
# Reported DUI/DWIs





# Force Stress Indicators

## Alcohol Related Fatalities





# Ongoing and Future Activities

- **Conducted conferences designed for SgtsMaj over the past 2 years**
- **Recently completed 1stSgt select substance abuse conference**
- **MEF/MCI Prevention Planning Conferences**
  - HQMC (MRRO) funded conferences for specific MEF/MCI SgtsMaj/1stSgts
    - I MEF - 20-24 Aug (Laughlin, NV)
    - NCR - 10-14 Sep (Dallas, TX)
- **R U Listening**
- **Health Promotions and SMP Partnerships**



# Substance Abuse Prevention Tools

- First to Fight Video Game
- Building Alcohol Skills Intervention Curriculum (BASIC)
- Web-based Skills For Life (in development)
- Substance Abuse Summits
- New Game (Late 2008)



# Installation Resources

- Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC)
  - Goal of the counseling center is to return the Marine to productive active duty
  - Primarily staffed with retired Marines
- Drug Demand Reduction Coordinators / Alcohol Abuse Prevention Specialist
  - These professionals can help units with needs assessments, prevention planning, and evaluation of substance abuse activities

# QUESTIONS?



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